GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services –Kakinada Municipal Corporation –Misappropriation of municipal funds by producing forged challans for building approved plans – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991initiated against Sri D.V. Ramana Murthy, and (6) others the then Manager (Retd)Kakinada Municipal Corporation – Findings of the Inquiry Authority - Dropping of further action– Orders – Issued

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 171 **Dated: 11-03-2025**

Read the following:-

1. From the Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Hyderabad, letter Roc.No.9693/2005-E2, dated 23.05.2005.
2. G.O.Ms.Nos.734-741, MA & UD (Vig.IV) Dept., Dated:27.10.2008.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.1485 to 1508, MA&UD (Vig.IV) Dept., dated27.10.2008.
4. WSDs received from 20 Charged Officers out of 28 Charged Officers, in various dates.
5. G.O.RT.No.46, MA & UD (Vig.IV.) Department, dt.18-01-2010.
6. G.O.Rt.No.1287, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.IV) Dept., dated 25.09.2012.
7. G.O.Rt.No.554, MA & UD (Vig.I) Department, dt:25.08.2015.
8. Inquiry Report received from the Enquiry Officer, Visakhapatnam, Report dated: 23.12.2017.
9. Govt.Memo.No.15873/Vig.I(2)/2005, dated 03.05.2018.
10. G.O.Rt.No.408, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.IV) Dept., dated 03.05.2018.
11. From the DMA, letter Roc.No.9693/2005-E2, dated: 25.08.2018.
12. Representations received from the two charged officers of the case, Dated:18.03.2024 and 29.04.2024.
13. Govt. Memo.No.15873/Vig.I(2)/2005, dated 08.07.2024.
14. From the Commissioner, Kakinada Municipal Corporation, letter dt.22- 07-2024.

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O R D E R:

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that the staff of Kakinada Municipal Corporation committed serious irregularities and caused loss to the Corporation due to forged challans on building approval plans. Government, after examination of the matter, initiated disciplinary action against the 28 (twenty eight) officials of Kakinada Municipal Corporation, by framing the Articles of Charges against them, vide references 2nd and 3rd read above.

2. In the reference 4th read above, out of (28) charged officers, twenty (20) charged officers have submitted their written statement of defense and requested the Government to drop further action against them.

3. Government, after examination of the written statement of defense submitted by the 20 charged officers, have observed that most of them are not directly related to misappropriation and there was confusion in understanding the newly introduced

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challan system, and therefore, decided to drop further action against the charged officers by giving benefit of doubt. Accordingly, orders have been issued in the reference 5th read above, dropping further action against the 20 (twenty) charged officers, who have submitted the written statement of defense, vide reference 5th read above.

4. However, in respect of other eight charged officers, who have not submitted their WSDs, Govt. issued orders in the reference 6th read above, appointing Sri V.Rajendra Prasad, RDMA., Rajahmundry as Enquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against (8) charged officers. Subsequently, orders have been issued in the G.O.7th read above, appointing Sri T.Sakala Reddy, RDMA., Rajahmundry as Enquiry Officer in place of Sri V.Rajendra Prasad, RDMA (Under Suspension) for conducting Inquiry against the remaining (8) officers ie. Sri D.V. Ramana Murthy, Manager (Retd.) and (7) others, with a direction to submit the Enquiry Report within three months.

5. In the reference 8th read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted the Inquiry Report, stating that the charges framed against the Charged Officers Sri DV Ramana Murthy, Manager (Retd.) and (6) others were held not proved in the inquiry. Further, it was reported that Sri V.Venkata Raju, the then Manager (Retired), Kakinada Municipal Corporation, was expired on 06.09.2012. Accordingly, in the reference 10th read above, Govt. after following the due procedure, issued orders abating further action against Late (Sri.) V.Venkata Raju, the then Manager (Retired), Kakinada Municipal Corporation.

6. Government have examined the Inquiry report and communicated a copy of Inquiry report to the charged officers i.e., Sri D.V. Ramana Murthy and (6) others, under Rule 21 (2) of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules 1991 and directed to submit their written representations, if any, on the findings of the inquiry officer, vide reference 9th read above.

7. In the reference 11th read above, the Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur has forwarded the written representation/ Served copies of Sri DV Ramana Murthy and (6) others; whereas, in their written representations, duly accepting the findings of Inquiry Officer, they have requested the Govt. to drop further action against them.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to drop further action against the officers namely... i) Sri D.V.Ramana Murthy, the then Manager (Retd.);ii) Sri J.Sitharama Raju, the then Accountant (Retd.); iii) Sri D. Tiruppal, the then Accountant (Retd.); iv) Sri K.S.Sireesh Kumar, the then B4 Assistant; v) Sri G.Saibaba,the then Sr. Assistant (Retired); (vi) Sri G.Nageswara Rao, the then Jr. Assistant (G3)(Retired); and (vii) Sri G.Subrahmanyam, the then Jr. Assistant (G3) (Retired), as out of 28 C.Os, further action was already dropped against 20 C.Os vide reference 5th read above; and abated further action against one C.O. vide reference 10th read above.

9. Accordingly, Govt. hereby order to drop further action against the following (7)

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charged officers, against whom no recovery notices were issued and no misappropriation of amount taken place on their part, as per the Audit report:
i) Sri D.V.Ramana Murthy, the then Manager (Retd.);
ii) Sri J.Sitharama Raju, the then Accountant (Retd.);
iii) Sri D. Tiruppal, the then Accountant (Retd.);
iv) Sri K.S.Sireesh Kumar, the then B4 Assistant;
v) Sri G.Saibaba,the then Sr. Assistant (Retired);
vi) Sri G.Nageswara Rao, the then Jr. Assistant (G3)(Retired); and
vii) Sri G.Subrahmanyam, the then Jr. Assistant (G3) (Retired),

10. The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S SURESH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri D.V.Ramana Murthy, the then Manager (Retd.);through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur.
Sri J Sitharama Raju, the then Accountant (Retd.); through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur.
Sri D. Tiruppal, the then Accountant (Retd.); through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur
Sri K.S.Sireesh Kumar, the then B4 Assistant; through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur.
Sri G.Saibaba, the then Sr. Assistant (Rtd.); through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur.
Sri G.Nageswara Rao, the then Jr. Assistant (G3) (Rtd.); through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur.
Sri G.Subrahmanyam, the then Jr. Assistant (G3) (Rtd.).through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur.
The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, AP, Guntur.

Copy to:

The Commissioner, Kakinada Municipal Corporation.
The Secretary to A.P.Vigilance Commission, 5th Block,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER